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B. NPIC 8232, DTG 242353Z, AUG 66

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE VINH/DONG HOI

RAIL LINE IN NORTH VIETNAM:

A. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RAIL BY-PASS (REF A) AROUND THE DESTROYED THUONG PHONG TRANG RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE RAO NAY [REDACTED] AT 1754N 10600E. TIES ARE BEING LAID ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE BY-PASS EXTENDING FROM THE MAIN RAIL LINE AT UTM XE063807 SOUTHEASTWARD 300 YARDS TO APPROXIMATELY UTM XE065804. A NEWLY OBSERVED RECTANGULAR EXCAVATION FOR A POSSIBLE PIER FOUNDATION IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RAO NAY (STREAM) AT THE SITE OF THE RAIL BY-PASS BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

B. A PROBABLE RAILROAD BY-PASS OR ALTERNATE ROUTE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 0.7 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE DESTROYED THUONG PHONG TRANG RAILROAD BRIDGE AT 1754N 10600E (UTM XE075798). INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE APPROACHES EXTEND FROM BOTH RIVER BANKS.

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T-SHAPED CABLE ANCHORAGES ARE LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER, IN LINE WITH THE APPROACHES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WITH AT LEAST ONE TAUT CABLE IN PLACE. THE CABLE CROSSING IS PROBABLY EITHER A CONSTRUCTION TRAMWAY OR THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION STAGE OF A RAILROAD CABLE BRIDGE.

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C. THE RAIL HEAD EXTENDS FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SOUTHERN TERMINUS AT UTM XE072790 (REF A) SOUTHEASTWARD, FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE OLD RAILBED, TO ITS PRESENT TERMINUS 1.1 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE DESTROYED THUONG PHONG TRANG RAILROAD BRIDGE AT UTM XE077787.

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D. A RAIL BRIDGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE SITE OF A DESTROYED RAIL BRIDGE AT 1753N 10601E (UTM XE078786) JUST SOUTHEAST OF THE PRESENT RAILHEAD. FIVE A-FRAME SUPPORTS HAVE BEEN ERECTED.

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E. RECONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE DAMAGED RAIL CABLE BRIDGE ADJACENT TO THE DESTROYED XOM KHE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT 1758N 10555E (REF B). A-FRAME SUPPORTS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AND ONE OR TWO CABLES ARE IN PLACE. TIES AND RAILS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON BOTH APPROACHES BUT ARE NOT EVIDENT ON THE BRIDGE. APPROXIMATELY 12 POSSIBLE COILS OF CABLE ARE LOCATED ADJACENT AND NORTH OF THE EAST BRIDGE APPROACH AT UTM WE988877. SIMILIAR

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OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED AT THE HIGHWAY CABLE BRIDGE ON NORTH
VIETNAMESE ROUTE 19 AT 2127N 10304E (REF C). CONSTRUCTION
CONTINUES ON THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED RAIL BY-PASS.

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6264 IV

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